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CENTRAL ALABAMA



L to R — Rev. Andrew Nelson, Rev. William Fulmer, Mr. Fred Powell, Mrs. Jettie Logan, and Rev. John Wilder.

PICTURES FROM THE FALL MEETINGS

S. ALABAMA - N. W. FLORIDA



L to R—Rev. Arthur Von Gruenigen, the Mission Speaker, Rev. James Walters, and Rev. N. A. Long.

EAST ALABAMA



KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



L to R — Rev. John C. Mickle, Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, Supt. J. T. Stanley, Mr. Everett Farmer.

Part of the "full house" at State Line Church on the first day of the East Alabama Association.

GEORGIA - SOUTH CAROLINA



L to R — Rev. Ralph D. Worley, Rev. Arthur Von Gruenigen, the Mission Speaker, Rev. J. Kermit Harris.

Council For Lay Life And Work Elects Helen Huntington Smith

Helen Huntington Smith of Cleveland, Ohio, has been elected the executive of the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ.

She is the first woman chosen to head a United Church instrumentality and the first lay person to head one of them. Born in China, Miss Smith is also the only woman who has been a part of the denominational "official family" on an overseas field as well as in a state conference.

The Personnel Committee of the Council for Lay Life and Work has also announced the following staff appointments.

Rev. Dr. J. Kenneth Kohler, now Executive Secretary of the E & R Churchmen's Brotherhood, will be General Secretary for men's work. Mrs. Clair V. Rhodes, Allentown, Pa., President of the E & R Women's Guild, is to be General Secretary for women's work. Rev. William A. Slater, now on the staff of the Ohio CC Conference, will be a General Secretary.

Mr. W. E. Peterson, National Director of the CC Layman's Fellowship, and Miss Madeline F. Bach and Mrs. Emily (F. C.) Lester, presently on the staff of the Council, will be Regional Secretaries.

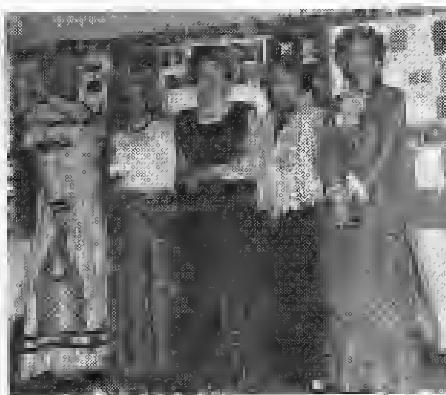
Rev. Miss Lillian S. Gregory, the Executive Secretary of the National Women's Fellowship (CC), has resigned from that position to become Director of Women's Work and Co-Executive of the Council for Lay Life and Work of the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference. She will assume these new duties January 1, 1963.

Miss Mildred Walker, who has been Administrative Assistant of the National Women's Fellowship, also will join the staff of the Massachusetts Conference as Assistant to the Co-Executives of Council for Lay Life and Work.

Miss Florence A. Partridge, Executive Secretary of the (E & R) Women's Guild, will retire as Chief of Staff for the Council of Lay Life and Work on January 1, 1963. She will continue in the Cleveland office concluding the affairs of the Women's Guild until her retirement in March 1963.

The new executive of the Council for Lay Life and Work has served for eleven years on the staff of the Ohio Conference of Congregational Christian

Crossville Church Observes Seventy-Fifth Anniversary



The First Congregational Church of Crossville, Tennessee, observed its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary during the week of October 7.

The Reverend Harold Wiley Freer is the minister of the church. Under his leadership the church recently relocated and built a striking new building.

An Anniversary Service was held at the morning worship hour on Sunday, October 7. From 2 p. m. until 5 p. m. a reception was held at the church.

An observance of a different sort took place on Thursday evening, October 11. Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. spoke briefly and brought greetings from the Southeast Convention and the United Church. Rev. Harold W. Freer read portions of letters from former ministers and members.

The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Committee then presented a pageant — "The Ladies Aid Society — 1887 to the Women's Fellowship — 1962". Pictured above are ladies in costume from one of the early meetings of the group.

A third part of the program, "Looking Forward", was in charge of Mr. Freer, Mrs. M. M. Young, and Dr. W. P. Kirkemind. Mrs. Young spoke especially of the importance of education and of concern for world affairs.

Miss Elizabeth Boyce sang "Bless This House" as a part of the program.

A social hour followed during which the people enjoyed the displays of photographs, books, and souvenirs of historic interest.

Churches as director of women's work.

Miss Smith was born in Ing-Tai, Fukien, a small town in the mountains of South China where her parents were missionaries under the American Board. Later she served as a missionary in China for 20 years, including the difficult war years. Her new work will begin January 1, 1963.

United Church Assists Burned Negro Churches

The United Church of Christ has contributed \$6,000 to the Southern Regional Council for rebuilding of burned churches and for voter registration education in the South.

A joint resolution of the denomination's Executive Council, Board for Homeland Ministries and Council for Christian Social Action condemned "the inhumanity and lawlessness" of the burning of Negro churches in Georgia. It called the arson "doubly outrageous and repugnant" because it is "intimidation" designed "to discourage the recent widespread voter registration campaigns."

The attempts to keep Negroes in the South from voting "undermine the foundations of our democratic society," the resolution said.

The resolution called upon United Church congregations and members, especially in the South, "to express their concern and outrage;" to demand speedy punishment for the arsonists; and to contribute money to the voter registration campaign and to help "those who have suffered."

The Board of Homeland Ministries provided \$5,000 to the Southern Regional Council, primarily for the rebuilding of churches with "any balance not needed for this purpose" to go to voter registration education.

The Council for Christian Social Action, expecting that funds would be available for rebuilding churches, gave the Southern Council \$1,000 for voter registration activities.

The United Church Board of Homeland Ministries is conducting a citizenship education program in the South under the direction of Rev. Andrew J. Young, formerly associate director of the Department of Youth Work of the National Council of Churches. Mr. Young was conducting voter registration education classes in Shady Grove Baptist Church near Albany, Georgia, one of the churches destroyed by arsonists.

Mr. Young is employed by the Division of Higher Education and American Missionary Association of the Homeland Board. His work is financed by a Field Foundation grant.

(Contributions to the fund to help rebuild the burned churches may be sent to the Georgia Council of Churches, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta 3, Ga. Each should be designated as a gift to the Negro Church Restoration Fund.)

New Montgomery Church Calls Full-Time Pastor

Beginning September 2, 1962, the Rev. Harold C. Henderson became the first full-time pastor of the Montgomery Congregational Church (a United Church of Christ). Organized early in 1961, the congregation has been served by visiting ministers and interim pastors, the most recent being the Rev. William M. Fulmer and the Rev. W. O. Phillips.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Henderson completed public school there and served in the U. S. Air Force, receiving an appointment as Chaplain (1st Lt.) in the United States Air Force Reserve on October 19, 1959, and has since been an active reservist. He recently received promotion to Captain. He received his B. A. degree from Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, and his theological degree at Vanderbilt University in 1957.

Mr. Henderson was ordained by the Northwestern Ohio Association of Congregational Christian Churches on June 9, 1957. While attending Defiance College, he served for two years as a student pastor. For three years he served as associate pastor at the Pleasant Hill (Tennessee) Community Church and Center; for two years as pastor of the Soddy-Daisy Congregational Christian Parish (Tennessee), and for the past two years has been pastor of the Congregational Christian (United Church) of East Tallassee, Alabama.

Mr. Henderson has been active in denominational activities, holding several positions. Most recently he was Moderator of the Central Alabama Association and also Chairman of the Church Survey and Aid Committee of the Southeast Convention.

Mr. Henderson is married to the former Sally Shepherd of Gholson, Mississippi and they are the parents of two boys, Marty, age 7, and Royce, age 9.

Rev. Henderson and his family will reside at 602 Burgwyn Road. At present, the congregation is meeting in the administration building at Huntingdon College.

Acquiring a full-time minister is a giant step in the life of this young church which began with a small group of people on February 11, 1961, who met together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fuller on College Street to discuss the possibility of organizing a Congregational church in Montgomery.

On February 19, 1961, the first Sun-

The Christmas Fund Looks To Churches

WE CARE — WE SHARE. This describes The Christmas Fund. This is the way in which, for the past sixty years, the denomination has cared for retired ministers and their wives, and for the widows of these men. It has also met the emergencies for many active servants of the church. The Christmas Fund is given as a loving tribute to the Veterans of the Cross. Years served on a small salary, plus the effects of inflation have produced inadequate annuities which must be supplemented. These special grants, plus the Christmas checks are the answer. Times of special need and critical emergency do come and these demand aid. It is then that the Christmas Fund goes into action throughout the whole year.

Last year exceeded its former best year with a total of \$167,966.41. The total number of gifts sent from every part of the country was 6495. Of these, 4930 were gifts from individuals, some of whom have given continually for more than twenty-five years. The other 1565 were from churches or church organizations. A total of 710 Christmas checks were sent out. The balance of the fund has been meeting emergencies as these have arisen.

You care about the Veterans of the Cross. You will want to share in this gift of love. Do it directly or through your church. See the poster and the Christmas Fund leaflet for the story. Contributions are sent to The Christmas Fund, The Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Park Avenue South, New York 10, N. Y. Make checks payable to The Christmas Fund.

day school class was held by this group and by February 26 the first morning worship service was held, and since that time the church has met regularly each Sunday, first at the Fuller home and presently at Huntingdon College.

Charter Sunday was held on May 21, 1961. This was a milestone in the history of the church — at this service the church officially came into being.

Its official name as adopted by the members is "The Montgomery Congregational Church (A United Church of Christ)." The church is a part of the larger body known as the United Church of Christ, which is composed of members of the Evangelical and Reformed churches and the Congregational churches.

Miss Myra Callahan Weds The Rev. Robert Hendrix



Miss Myra L. Callahan and the Reverend Robert W. Hendrix were united in marriage August 19 at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Waycross, Georgia. The impressive ceremony was performed by the Reverend J. W. Presley.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Callahan and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. George W. Hendrix and the late Mr. Hendrix, all of Waycross.

The bride is a teacher at the Alice Street School in Waycross. The Reverend Mr. Hendrix is a minister of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference and a former moderator of the conference. He is presently pastor of the Union Hill Congregational Christian Church of Pearson, Ga., and is also on the faculty of the Ware County High School.

Given in marriage by her father, the lovely bride chose an exquisite gown of white cloud silk taffeta and Alencon lace. She wore a bridal veil of illusion tulle which fell from a queen's crown of looped seed pearls. She carried a cascade of carnations, stephanotis, satin ribbons, and a white orchid.

Miss Faye Callahan was the organist for the service and the Rev. Mr. Presley was the soloist.

Matron of honor was Mrs. W. K. Sloan, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Gene Callahan and Mrs. Chester Taylor.

Charles Hendrix was best man for his brother. The ushers were his brother, Clyde Hendrix, Charles Harvey Griffin, nephew of the bridegroom, Billy Sloan and Ronald Callahan, nephews of the bride.

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Superintendent's Corner

With this issue THE SOUTHEAST NEWS begins the eleventh year of its publication. The first issue was published in October of 1952. Rev. Henry C. Weaver was the first editor.

Since then The Southeast News has appeared monthly with the exception of single issues for January-February of 1957 and for July-August of 1960.

If anyone has a complete file for the previous ten years or copies to contribute to the convention, this office would be happy to receive them.

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Superintendent's Schedule

November 10 — Regional Meeting of Council for Lay Life and Work, Atlanta

November 12 — Special Meeting Board of Trustees of Southern Union College

November 13-14—United Church Committee on Racial & Cultural Concerns, New York

November 18 — Building Dedication, Mt. Lebanon Church, Chandler Mt., Ala.

November 20 — Georgia Council of Churches Annual Meeting, Atlanta

November 26-28 — United Church Ministers' Retreat

December 2 — Installation Service for Rev. Harold C. Henderson, Montgomery;

Ordination Service for William M. Fulmer, 2 p. m., Watson's Chapel

December 3 — Southeast Convention Budget Committee, Atlanta

December 4-6 — United Church Town & Country Committee, St. Louis

New Conference And Association Officers And Committee Chairmen

The following officers and committee chairmen were elected or appointed by the conferences and associations at their annual fall meetings:

North Alabama Association

Moderator: Rev. Roger Whitley
Vice-Moderator: Rev. Homer Barnes
Scribe & Treasurer: Rev. Guy L. Colbert
Southeast Convention Board: Mr. John Heaman

Committee Chairmen

Survey & Church Aid: Rev. Guy L. Colbert
Christian Education: Mrs. Leila Terry
Ministry & Churches: Rev. Raymond Berry
Stewardship & Missionary Education: Rev. Robert L. Shelton
Pastor-at-Large: Rev. Guy L. Colbert

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Central Alabama Association

Moderator: Rev. Andrew Nelson
Vice-Moderator: Fred D. Powell
Secretary & Treasurer: Miss Willa Durden
Southeast Convention Board: Mrs. Challis Rhodes

Committee Chairmen

Church Survey & Aid: Rev. John Wilder
Christian Education: Millard Fuller
Evangelism, Stewardship, & Missionary Education: Rev. William Fulmer

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South Alabama-Northwest Florida

Moderator: Rev. E. H. Henby
Vice-Moderator: Rev. Earle H. Temple Jr.
Scribe-Treasurer: Mrs. Bernice Carter
Southeast Convention Board: Rev. N. A. Long

Committee Chairmen

Christian Education: Mrs. Bobby Brackin
Stewardship & Missionary Education: Miss Dora C. Brackin

Evangelism & Worship: Rev. Joseph H. Brown
Ministry & Churches: Rev. James W. Walters

Survey & Church Aid: Rev. M. O. Worley

East Alabama Association

Moderator: Rev. John D. Schofield
Vice-Moderator: Rev. George W. Stowe
Secretary: H. Paul Beaird
Treasurer: Ross McCormack
Southeast Convention Board: H. P. Beaird

Committee Chairmen

Ministry & Churches: Rev. Olin Sheppard
Missions & Stewardship: Rev. W. A. Blankenhorn
Religious Education & Youth Work: Rev. Warner C. Noles
Evangelism, Worship & Fellowship: Rev. Roy Chatham
Music Director: Mr. E. C. Stevens
Pianist: Mrs. Walter A. Graham

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Kentucky-Tennessee Conference

Moderator: G. E. Farmer
Vice-Moderator: Rev. Harold W. Freer
Secretary: Rufus G. Obrecht
Treasurer: Emerson P. Post
Southeast Convention Board: Dr. Paul R. Reynolds

Committee Chairmen

Ministry & Churches: Dr. Paul R. Reynolds
Evangelism: Rev. Harold W. Freer
Survey & Church Aid: Rev. Arnold Slater
Stewardship & Missionary Education: Rev. A. Ray Meserve
Christian Education & Youth Work: Rev. Annie R. Campbell
Christian Social Action: Mrs. Fred R. Muhlman

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Georgia-South Carolina

Moderator: Rev. Charles V. Rary
Vice-Moderator: Rev. Frederick A. Meyer
Scribe: Mrs. Ione Kirkland
Treasurer: Rev. Robert Hendrix
Southeast Convention Board: Mr. Warren Smith (Waycross)

Committee Chairmen

Ministry & Churches: Rev. William M. McCullars
Evangelism, Stewardship & Missionary Education: Rev. L. Floyd Carmack
Survey & Church Aid: Mrs. Richard Churchill
Christian Education & Youth Work: Mrs. Edward L. Askren Jr.

Lanett Church Reports

Variety Of Activities

A Latin America Missions banquet was held in Fellowship Hall of the Congregational Christian Church, Lanett. Miss Nonnie Looser very appropriately and attractively decorated the tables. A delicious meal was served and a free will offering made for Latin America. Mrs. Tom McLane, West Point Baptist Church, led the group in a fellowship sing. The Rev. Acie Etherton, Methodist pastor of Langdale, showed slides and talked most interestingly of his preaching mission in Panama.

The annual picnic and vespers were held at Roosevelt State Park. After a bountiful supper on the picnic grounds, a service of guided meditations, prayer, poetry and hymns made an inspiring evening. Mrs. John D. Schofield and Mrs. Ross Boggs led the meditations and prayers. Miss Frances Schofield accompanied the hymns on the accordion.

Rev. C. Carl Dollar showed slides and gave a most interesting and informative talk on his visit to Puerto Rico with a group of United Church ministers from the Southern Convention (this was well attended by the Missionary Auxiliary, held in the Fellowship Hall).

Mrs. Charles Schneider, wife of the pastor of the Lanett Community Chapel Church of God, installed the Women's Fellowship officers in a most inspiring service on September 17. Mrs. John Dollar is the new president. Leaders are: Mrs. Herbert Alexander, Mrs. Vester Dobson, Mrs. Jack Harmon, Mrs. Dobbs Stodghill, Mrs. John W. Roquemore and Mrs. Ross Boggs. Mrs. Boggs, president for the past two years, was presented a gift of appreciation at the close of the meeting.

Our Valley Congregational Christian churches have a joint service of song each 5th Sunday evening. Todd was host church in September. Each church renders two numbers — no preaching. A full house enjoyed the fellowship and music.

The Valley Ministerial Alliance meets once each month for a luncheon meeting in the Fellowship Hall. A committee of women, Mrs. W. S. Huff, chairman, prepare and serve the meal. Mrs. M. L. Redden has charge of the decorations.

October 7th was Rally and Promotion Day. Mr. Davis Holman, retiring Sunday School superintendent, and Mr. W.



East Tallassee Women Visit Alabama Governor

Pictured above with Governor John Patterson of Alabama are Mrs. Jettie Logan, Mrs. Marrell Rhodes, and Mrs. Miriam Fralic, along with Senator-Elect Ernest Hornsby and Mr. J. M. Burnsides.

The picture was taken during a recent trip to Montgomery to talk with the governor about the problems of the aged. The three ladies are active leaders of the 65-Plus Club of Tallassee, Alabama.

It is of interest that each of the ladies is a former president of the Alabama Congregational Christian Women's Fellowship. The 65-Plus Club is now in its eighth year and has over 200 members. It is one of the outstanding organizations for the aged in the state.

O. McGill, incoming, had charge of the service. World Wide Communion was observed at the 11:00 o'clock worship.

"Who Cares" will be studied and discussed at two of the October meetings. The last one will begin with a covered dish supper. Mrs. Arthur Dailey will lead the discussion and study.

Mrs. John Dollar is the newly-elected Senior Pilgrim Fellowship sponsor, replacing Mrs. Davis Holman, who has been the sponsor for two years. Mrs. Holman entertained the group at her home on September 30th. She was presented a gift of appreciation by the Pilgrim Fellowship.

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HERE AND THERE

Share Our Surplus

The churches of the convention are reminded that November is the month to receive offerings for the Share Our Surplus program. For every \$1 contributed more than 300 pounds of food go to feed the hungry people of the world. The SOS offerings should be sent to the Southeast Convention office.

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Women's Fellowships, Please Note!!!

The Chicago Office of the National Women's Fellowship will be closed as of November 30. Effective December 1, 1962, all mail for the National Women's Fellowship and the Council for Lay Life and Work should go to:

Council for Lay Life and Work
Post Office Box 9665
Cleveland 40, Ohio

MINISTERS PLEASE NOTE, TOO!!!

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United Church Ministers Retreat

The annual United Church Minister's Retreat will be held November 26-28, 1962 at the Interdenominational Theological Center, 671 Beckwith Street, S. W., Atlanta 14, Georgia.

The total cost for registration, room and board, will be \$12.50. Registrations should be sent to the Southeast Convention office.

Dr. Ben M. Herbster, Rev. Archie Hargraves, and Rev. Sere F. Hummon are the guest leaders.

All of the ministers of the convention are urged to attend.

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Rev. Dr. Douglas Horton

The Rev. Dr. Douglas Horton, distinguished Protestant theologian and educator, has been the official observer for the International Congregational Council at the Vatican Ecumenical Council in Rome. Dr. Horton is the former minister and executive secretary of the Congregational Christian Churches.

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Washington Seminar

The annual Washington Seminar on "The Christian Farmer and His Government" will be held February 5-7, 1963, in Washington, D. C. Information about the program and scholarship aid may be secured from Rev. Shirley E. Greene, 1720 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis 3, Mo.

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